Monday, *the* *7th February 1944* / *25th Makaram 1119*

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Half past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir G. T. Boag, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.), in the Chair.

Messrs. V. J. Mathai, C. Kunjan Nambudiripad, K. Narayana Menon, B. M. Peter, H. J. Walmesley and N. Govinda Pai were absent.

Swearing in of new Member

Mr. I. Madhava Panicker, Joint Secretary to Government (Judicial & Public Works) was sworn in.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

HILL PADDY—MONEY SPENT ON CULTIVATION, ETC.

108. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total amount spent so far for the cultivation of Hill paddy, tapioca and other food grains;

(*b*) what are the different varieties of things included in the Hill Paddy Scheme and the acreage of cultivation of each variety;

(*c*) the total quantity of paddy seeds sown and the total quantity harvested;

(*d*) the quantity supplied or sold to the Supply Department and the quantity kept as seeds;

(*e*) the quantity of straw collected and the amount realised by the sale of the same;

(*f*) the amount spent for harvesting, cleaning and drying the paddy;

(*g*) the amount spent for carting and storing the same;

(*h*) the names of the rice mills to which the paddy was supplied and the quantity supplied to each mill;

(*i*) whether any account is kept for the cultivation of paddy separately and if so the total amount spent for the same;

(*j*) whether any cultivated portion remained without harvesting and if so the extent and the names of the blocks?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Rs. 8,23,480 up to the end of Thulam 1119.

(*b*) The crops cultivated under the Hill Paddy Scheme with their respective acreage are as follows.—

		Acres
1.	Paddy	5,350
2.	Tapioca	4,090
3.	Red gram as mixture with modan paddy ..	1,215
4.	Chama	49
5.	Ragi	17
6.	Blackgram and green gram	77
7.	Vegetables	16
8.	Horsegram	333
9.	Gingelly	100
		paras
(c)	Quantity of paddy seeds sown ..	15,184—0—0
	Total quantity harvested ..	83,048—9—0
	Wages paid in kind ..	7,926—1—2
	Net yield ..	*75,122·75 paras

(*straw paddy included)

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(*d*) Quantity issued to Supply Department .. 52,975—0—0
(this includes 140 paras of seeds of 1118)
Quantity reserved for seed .. 22,190—2—2

(*e*) 5,10,968 sheaves (sheaves are small and some are damaged due to exposure to sun and rain) Rs. 365—2—0;

(*f*) No separate account is maintained;

(*g*) Do.

(*h*) Please see list appended. *(Appendix I).*

(*i*) No.

(*j*) No.

STAFF SELECTION BOARD

109. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have noticed a leader in the Gomathi, dated 5th Chingam 1119 "Staff Selection Board";

(*b*) if they have, will Government be pleased to state whether they have received a copy of the resolution passed by the S.N.D.P. Yogam at its anniversary;

(*c*) if answers to (*a*) and (*b*) are in the affirmative will Government be pleased to state whether in view of the serious comments made on the existing system of recruitment to establish a Public Service Commission on the lines existing in Madras with adequate safeguards to preserve the rights of all the subjects of the State?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Government have not so far considered the question actively.

110. Mr. K. R. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to furnish a list containing the total number of confirmations made on the recommendation of the Staff Selection Board of candidates belonging to each community separately, from the date on which the scheme of recruitment to the Staff Selection Board was brought into force, *viz.*, the 1st of Kanni, 1112, till the end of 1118?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The particulars have already been published in the Gazette.

Mr. K. R. Achyutan *(Ezhuva-Trichur):* May I know Sir, whether the confirmations in the lower grades are published in the Gazette?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* All confirmations effected are published in the Gazette.

PARTICULARS OF CLERICAL STAFF IN CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS

111. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state—
the number and percentage of the clerical staff drawing (*a*) Rs. 25 to Rs. 40 (*b*) Rs. 40 to Rs. 60 by way of pay in the Judicial Department (Civil and Criminal), Education, Land Revenue, Excise and Registration Departments?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The information required is given in the appendix. *(Please see Appendix II).*

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know whether the Government have noted the disparity in the percentage of appointments in the grade of 40—60 in the Civil Judicial Department. It is only 9·4.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes, the Government have noted that.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will the Government kindly increase the number of appointments in that grade?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* At present the Government have not been convinced of the need for increasing the percentage of higher grade appointments in that Department.

CALENDAR—PRICE, ETC.

112. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) the price per copy of the Government Book Calendar for 1119 (Panchangam) published by the Government Press;

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APPENDIX I

(See answer to Question No. 108)

List of the names of Mills

	Name of Mills		*Quantity of paddy issued*	
1.	Holy Family Rice Mills	..	12,000	paras
2.	Swadeshi Union Rice Mills	..	5,500	,,
3.	St. George's Rice Mills	..	2,743	,,
4.	Popular Rice Mills	..	1,620	,,
5.	Thaliath Rice Mills	..	2,700	,,
6.	K. J. Lazar Brothers' Rice Mills	..	3,700	,,
7.	St. John's Rice Mills	..	6,446	,,
8.	S. K. Narayana Ayyar's Rice Mills	..	800	,,
9.	Guruvijayam Rice Mills	..	1,600	,,
10.	Commercial Rice Mills	..	3,470	,,
11.	Trades' Union Rice Mills	..	158	,,
12.	Sree Ramachandra Rice Mills	..	1,470	,,
13.	Little Flower Rice Mills	..	320	,,
14.	P. K. S. Rice Mills	..	820	,,
15.	R. M. Mills	..	1,920	,,
16.	Mookken's Rice Mills	..	1,920	,,
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*Balance handed over directly to the Assistant Supply Officers of Trichur, Mukundapuram and Talappalli.

APPENDIX II

(See answer to Question No. 111)

No. and percentage of the clerical staff on Rs. 25—40 and Rs. 40—60

Serial No.	*Name of Department*		*Grade*	*No. of posts*	*Percentage*
1	Education Department	..	25—40	58	65·2
			40—60	14	15·7
2	Land Revenue Department	..	25—40	65	61
			40—60	34	32
3	Civil Judicial Department	..	25—40	72	42
			40—60	16	9·4
4	Registration and Anchal Department	..	25—40	27	28·42
			40—60	30	31·58
5	Excise Department	..	25—40	12	40
			40—60	5	16·6
6	Magisterial Department	..	25—40	15	31·2
			40—60	8	16·6

APPENDIX III

(See answer to Question No. 120)

Cochin-Kanyannur Taluk

The Tahsildar's pay of Rs. 150 plus 25 per cent of the pay as allowance for satisfactory grain purchase work.

Revenue Inspectors:

Rs. 40—60 plus 12½ rupees consolidated allowance plus Dearness allowance of Rs. 8.

Parvathiams:

1st grade Rs. 20 plus D. A. of Rs. 8.
2nd grade Rs. 18 plus D. A. of Rs. 8.

Assistant Supply Officer, Ernakulam:

Rs. 160, plus ¼ of the pay as allowance.
Depot keeper Rs. 25 plus D. A. of Rs. 8.
Fieldmen Rs. 25 plus D. A. Rs. 8.

Deputy Tahsildar, Cranganur:

Rs. 150.
Revenue Inspector Rs. 40—60/60 plus D. A. of Rs. 8.

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